

ARLINGTON  
*Patriots Day Parade*

APRIL 23, 2017

**ARLINGTON PATRIOTS' DAY PARADE**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**The Arlington Patriots' Day Parade is a celebration of Arlington's rich patriotic history and a celebration honoring Arlington's military heritage and the beginning battles of the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775.**

1. All parade entries must observe parade rules and regulations, and local, state and federal laws.
2. ABSOLUTELY NO materials may be passed out along the parade route this includes literature, flyers, pamphlets etc. Candy may be tossed towards the crowd from approved groups only. No candy may be tossed from a moving vehicle.
3. Possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is strictly forbidden. The police will be notified of suspected violations. Offenders will be removed from the parade and are subject to arrest and prosecution.
4. Improper or offensive language will not be tolerated. It is not to be spoken, or written on any banners or signs during the procession of the parade regardless of language or interpretation. Banners displaying an organization's name only will be allowed. T-shirts with an organization logo may be worn.
5. Political statements will not be allowed.
6. The Quiet Zone is located between Mill Street and Pleasant Street, no sirens, vehicle horns or gun fire. Signs will be posted designating these locations.
7. Drivers of all vehicles in the parade must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age and show proof of insurance upon request by parade officials or police.
8. Continuous forward movement ONLY is required of all entries. No stopping is allowed. Entries must not interfere with the parade flow or any other parade entry.
9. Entries must maintain a distance not to exceed 20-25 feet (1 car length) between each parade entry and remain in the center of the street.
10. Only approved vehicles are permitted on the parade route unless approved by the Parade Committee.
11. All walkers must be able to keep the parade pace. Suggested age for walkers is 6 years and older.
12. Unit leaders accept responsibility for the behavior of their respective members and parade participants.
13. All units must arrive at the staging area at the designated time. Each qualified entry will receive a map of the staging area, parade number and the arrival time.
14. A sound system may only be used for approved vocal or background music.
15. Every application shall be reviewed by the Parade Committee and approved or denied. All decisions are final.
16. Parade entries may not deviate from the approved application, or they will be subject to removal from the parade.
17. The Parade Committee or their designee has the authority to enforce said rules and to remove any entry from the parade in violation of the rules.